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New Look for the State of South Dakota Website

PIERRE, S.D. – The State of South Dakota website launched today with a new look and design, making it easier for South Dakotans and other users to access state government information.

“The intent of the new site is to make government information in South Dakota easier to find, without becoming overwhelmed with too much information,” stated Otto Doll, Commissioner of the Bureau of Information and Telecommunications. “Our tab organization makes the site easier to read and to navigate through, allowing users to stay in control of the content for which they are searching.”

The South Dakota Government Headlines are all located on the homepage. By clicking on a single item, users are able to learn more about that topic. One of the key features of the site is the Really Simple Syndication (RSS) Feed. It allows users to receive the latest news headlines and videos in one place, as soon as they are published, without having to visit the websites where the feed was taken from. The feeds themselves are just web pages, designed to be read by computers rather than people.

The former ServiceDirect website (sd.gov) has now been integrated into the state’s home website. The state’s 1,350 plus web forms are available to download for printing and submission by mail or they can be completed online and submitted electronically. Many state forms can be processed entirely online for immediate service. Users can narrow their search for a form by selecting a category, a state agency, or a keyword, and the great thing is that each search works independently.

Useful links are organized in different categories, allowing users to search for a variety of information, which includes:

- *South Dakota Factoids:* Capitol Online Tour, Governors Residence, Trivia
- *Things to know about South Dakota:* Taxes, Vacation Guide, Memorial Information
- *Employment in South Dakota:* Find Jobs in South Dakota, Find Jobs in State Government
- *Business:* City and County Profiles, Economic Development, Financing
- *Education:* Bright Start: Early Childhood Enrichment, Connecting Schools, Higher Education
- *Miscellaneous:* Online Publications, Cities and Counties in South Dakota, Mailing Lists

To summarize, the site has been reorganized and is easier to use! Visit the new State of South Dakota website today at www.sd.gov or www.state.sd.us.